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REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and respectfully submits that the application is in a condition for allowance based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

As also indicated herein, Applicant request that the amendments to the claims with the Response to Final Office Action dated January 13, 2006 be ignored and request entry of the foregoing amendments as further described herein.

Claims 34-70 are pending in the subject application.

Claims 37-39 and 44 are acknowledged as being allowable by the Examiner.

Claims 1-33 were previously canceled.

As provided in the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action, claims 34-36, 40, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 50-55, 57-60 and 62-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and/or 35 U.S.C. §103.

Claims 34-36, 40, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 50-55, 57, 62 and 65-70 were canceled in the foregoing amendment without prejudice or disclaimer. In view of the cancellation of these rejected claims, Applicant believes that the rejection(s) as to these claims need not be addressed further herein. As claim 51 is being canceled in the foregoing amendment, Applicant also believes that the informality objection as to claim 51 need not be addressed further herein.

As to rejected claims 58-60, 63 and 64, these claims were put into a condition for allowance in the foregoing amendment as discussed further below in connection with the

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objected to claims. Thus, Applicant believes that the rejections as to these claims need to be addressed further herein.

As provided in the Final Office Action, claims 41, 44, 46, 49, 56 and 61 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, however, the Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if appropriately re-written in independent form. Applicant acknowledges with thanks the correction reflected in the Advisory Action, namely the indication that claim 44 is an allowed claim and not an "objected to claim" as had been indicated in the Final Office Action.

Claims 41, 46, 49, and 56 were re-written in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. As such, Applicant submits that each of claims 41, 46, 49 and 56 are in a condition for allowance.

As to claim 61, instead of re-writing claim 61 in independent form as suggested by the Examiner, claim 58 (the base claim) was amended to include the limitations of claim 61 (there was no claim intervening between claim 58 and claim 61) and claim 61 was canceled. In view of this amendment to claim 58, Applicant submits that claim 58 is thus in a condition for allowance.

Claims 63 and 64 were amended so that each now only depends from claims 37 or 58. As claim 37 is an allowed claim and claim 58 was amended so as to be put into a condition for allowance, it is respectfully submitted that each of claims 63 and 64 are allowable. Claims 63 and 64 also were amended so the phrase "plurality or more" now reads as --plurality-- and so the preamble of claims 63 and 64 is consistent with the base claim.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the originally filed disclosure.

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As the claims that remain pending are allowable, entry of the foregoing after final amendment into the subject application is respectfully requested.

CLAIMS 41, 44, 46, 49, 56 & 61

In the above-referenced Final Office Action, claims 41, 46, 44, 49, 56 and 61 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. It also was provided in the above-referenced Final Office Action, however, that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s).

As indicated above, Applicant acknowledges the correction provided in the Advisory Action that claim 44 is an allowable claim and not an "objected to claim" as had been indicated in the Final Office Action.

As to claims 41, 46, 49, and 56, these claims were re-written in independent form as suggested by the Examiner to include all the limitations of the respective base claim and any intervening claim(s). Accordingly, claims 41, 46, 49 and 56 are considered to be in allowable form.

As to claim 61, this claim was not expressly re-written in independent form as suggested by the Examiner; rather claim 61 was canceled and the limitations thereof were added to the related base claim, claim 58. Accordingly, amended claim 58 is considered to be in allowable form.

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CLAIMS 63 & 64

As to claims 63 and 64, it is understood that these multiple dependent claims were rejected because at least one of the claims that the claim depended from was a rejected claim.

As indicated above, claims 63 and 64 were amended so each no longer depends from claim 34 but rather only depends from claim 37 and claim 58. Claim 37 is indicated as being an allowable claim in the above-referenced Final Office Action. As described herein, claim 58 was amended to include the limitations of objected to claim 61 and thus also is considered to be in a condition for allowance.

In addition to amending the dependency of the claims, claims 63 and 64 also were for clarity and not to distinguish the claims from cited art. Specifically, claims 63 and 64 were amended so the phrase "plurality or more" now reads as --plurality--. Also, the phrase "motion picture retrieval generating apparatus" in the preamble of claims 63 and 64 was amended to now read as motion picture retrieval information generating apparatus (underlining to identify change) to be consistent with the language of the preamble of the related base claim.

As claims 63 and 64 now depend only from claims which are allowable, claims 63 and 64 are thus in a condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance.

Early and favorable action is requested.

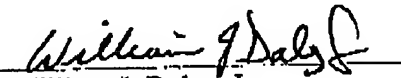
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In view of the prior authorization to charge to the deposit account in the Response to Final Office Action dated January 13, 2006 for claims added therein, Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for the within After Final Amendment. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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